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FOLLOWING REPEAT ACCRA 6203 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 23 AUG 76.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, DAU, XA

SUBJECT: OATUU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 206957

1. RECENTLY ELECTED OATUU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD FIRST MEETING  
IN ACCRA, AUGUST 3 AND 4. COMMITTEE WAS WELCOMED BY GOG COMMISSIONER  
(MINISTER) OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, WHO URGED UNIONS EDUCATE  
WORKERS TO APPRECIATE AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND ROLE IN SOCIO-  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORT AND TO WORK FOR PEACEFUL AND CORDIAL  
RELATIONS BETWEEN LABOR AND GOVERNMENTS. OATUU GROUP LATER  
RECEIVED BY GOG HEAD OF STATE, GENERAL ACHEAMPONG, WHO STRESSED NEED  
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FOR UNIONS TO BE INDEPENDENT OF OUTSIDE INFLUENCES.

2. BASED ON OATUU COMMUNIQUE, FOLLOWING ARE MAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: SECRETARY GENERAL IS TO VISIT NIGERIA, CHAD AND ETHIOPIA, WHERE UNIONS ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY OR HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED STAND FOR STRONG, INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS AND NOTED SOME COUNTRIES RECENT ATTEMPTS TO ERODE AFRICAN WORKERS' RIGHTS; COMMITTEE URGED SECRETARIAT TO START INTENSIVE WORKERS EDUCATION PROGRAM AND CALLED FOR RESTRUCTURING ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CITING UN AND ILO, TO ENSURE THEY ARE MORE DEMOCRATIC AND REFLECT PRESENT WORLD STRUCTURE.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO OATUU INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR MANYANDA, EMPHISIS AT MEETING WAS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN LABOR AND GOVERNMENTS. THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN PRESS OR FROM OATUU OR GTUC SOURCES, OF EFFORTS TO REMOVE PRESIDENT EL-NAFESHY (REFTEL) ACCORDING TO MANYANDA COMMITTEE GENERALLY ACCEPTED SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS, DEFERRING SOME ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF CHANGES UNTIL NEXT MEETING. FUTURE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE HELD ANNUALLY INSTEAD OF TWICE A YEAR. AIRPOUCHING OATUU COMMUNIQUE AND COPY OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. LINEHAN UNQTE KISSINGER

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